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Mr. Adams:

The current California History-Social Science Framework is impressive and reflects the effort, talent, and knowledge of the dedicated members of the Department of Education and educators throughout California who participated in the 2009 Framework meetings. It also fairly represents the diverse constituencies that exist in California.

Since I came to all of the Framework meetings in 2009, I am very appreciative of the fact that there are now opportunities to teach about Korea in grades 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 (Government). I am also thankful that there are also opportunities to teach about South Korea's accomplishments since the Korean War and recent developments in East Asia (Appendix).

My only concern at this time is the availability of some outstanding and age appropriate oral history accounts related to the Korean War. In 2009, I read "I Remember Korea: Veterans Tell Their stories of the Korean War, 1950-53. The introduction to the book is inaccurate. I tried to connect with the appropriate people in publishing houses without success. I had hoped that this would lead to some revisions in the introduction. I thought the oral histories were acceptable.

I am aware of the challenges of updating the final version of the Framework. I wish you and all those involved good luck in the coming months and hope to see new textbooks that respond to the final version of the Framework in the not too distant future. I thank you for all that you have done to create an outstanding Framework for educators and their students in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Connor".

Mary Connor, President of the Korea Academy for Educators (2004-2012) and Advisor, National Korean Studies Seminar, 2014

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